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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Paul Hamer et al. :

Serial No. 10/705,547 :

GROUP ART UNIT: 3727

Filed: November 10, 2003 :

EXAMINER: Lien M. Ngo

For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR:**  
**PROTECTING FLOATING ROOF :**  
**TANKS FROM THE EFFECTS OF :**  
**LIGHTNING STRIKES** :

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 AND REQUEST FOR**  
**EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER CFR 37 §1.136(a)**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 2, 2006 in the above-identified application. Applicants are submitting herewith a request for a two-month extension of time for filing a Notice of Appeal, which will now be due on August 2, 2006 to allow for entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.